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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket No. (Optional)
HO-P00798US9

In re Application of T. W. Hutchens et al.	
Application Number 09/123,253	Filed July 27, 1998
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DESORPTION AND IONIZATION OF ANALYTES	
Group Art Unit 1743	Examiner L. Alexander

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows
(check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$ 920.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number _____	06-2375

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the applicant/inventor.
 assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
 Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
 attorney or agent of record.
 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a)

October 23, 2001

Date

Melissa W. Acosta

Typed or Printed Name

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below



1 forms are submitted.

Three Month Request for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. ET575270005US, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date shown below.

Dated: October 23, 2001

Signature:

(Staci Harris)